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DEAR Ladies!

Our letters crossed.

Your first example of the kind of paper you intend sending is an suspicious augury. I look forward to that one. However, if you recall what I wrote yesterday, my suggestion is that you first organize all the evidence, without any conclusion at all, and separately state your conclusions. There is another reason I think I forgot to cite: The evidence, in and of itself, could have other values. Reading it could suggest other things to people.

Let me add that there is no doubt that the epileptic was a decoy. Remember that the motorcade was late, that it did attract attention, that it did pull police in from post, etc. I do not now recall the source, but it is my recollection that on arrival at the hospital, I believe in an ambulance (would that not better serve the purposes of decoying), the alleged victim jumped up, said "I'm fine", and ran away. I have reason to suspect the names of some of those involved in this operation. I believe at least one was a Cuban, etc.

When you send this memo, can you please send me two extra copies? I'd like one for Jim Garrison (I'll be going there again shortly and would like to take it with me) and two other people, neighbors, are also working on the logs and I'd like to send them a copy.

Before I forget, did you not once indicate suspicions about Ruth Trina. If this is the case, please mobilize what you have on that first and let me take that with me because she has been subpoenaed and will be questioned before the grand jury.

Your perception on Oneal is one that escaped me. Could be important.

By all means, expand that paper, as much as you can without padding. The things you have selected, the aspect, is very good. No one else, to my knowledge, has taken that specialty. As you do it, please make a note for me of everything you see on Lt. Butler, regardless of how seemingly trivial. You are not sending too much and cannot. Please understand, however, I may not be able to answer. I will be going in your general direction shortly for a brief investigation (unfortunately, not close) and then I go to N.C. again. I haven't been able to return to the few needed things in my unpublished by almost finished book in more than a half year.

I have not yet been able to read the Wise piece, from the Reuters and UPI accounts, I immediately reached the same general conclusions you did. Add to this the gratuitous deception of Bahmer in AP and the case is more persuasive. He seems to have been given some things I had earlier been denied, or at least what I was told did not exist if not this. There are also overtones of the RFK political assassination in all this. I hope to get to read the piece over the weekend.

Because I expect the expanded paper, I will not distribute the enclosure on the ambulance.

Many thanks.

Sincerely,